



In an election night dominated by high Democratic turnout across South Carolina and the country, CVSC PAC continued to see strong bipartisan wins for key State House and Senate elections. With a 92% win rate in the general election (89% when combined with the primary), CVSC and CVSC PAC have solidified our role as a political powerhouse in South Carolina.

CVSC and CVSC PAC spent \$165,600 in the primary and general elections, endorsing 20 Republicans and 14 Democrats for House and Senate elections, with a focus on creating a solid bipartisan clean energy majority at the State House. It is likely that our \$165,600 is more than any other third-party group in the state. CVSC PAC successfully defended pro-solar Republican seats in Charleston during a wave year that flipped SC-1 to Democratic control for the first time in 40 years. At the same time, CVSC PAC elected a Democrat with a pro-conservation message in a Midlands-area Senate seat held by Republicans for over 30 years. These victories demonstrate that our bipartisan conservation message is a winning strategy at the ballot box.

Combined with primary victories, CVSC PAC was able to improve our position for pro-solar legislation in the Senate, re-elect the likely incoming House Judiciary Chairman with a pro-solar message, protect our strongest Republican freshman ally, and pick up 3 pro-solar seats in the House to give a bipartisan 68-vote pro-solar majority in the House. Collectively these wins position CVSC to see clean energy wins in the legislature in 2019.

The most notable wins from the General Election are outlined below:

**Dick Harpootlian (D-Columbia); Senate 20 Special Election**

- Endorsed by CVSC and coordination with campaign. No funds spent per candidate request.
- Flips a Senate seat held for 30 years by Republicans and breaks a 3/5 supermajority in the Senate.

**Rep. William Cogswell (R-Charleston); House 110**

- Endorsed by CVSC, given Cogswell's 98% score as a freshman
- Polling on October 4 had the race within 1 point.
- CVSC PAC responded with a \$10,000 independent expenditure, knocking on over 5,000 doors and sending over 15,000 pieces of mail to pro-conservation swing voters.
- Cogswell sailed to victory with a 10 point victory, despite Democratic US House candidates +10 margins.
- CVSC PAC also invested \$20,000 in the primary and runoff elections for Cogswell, knocking on over 10,000 doors and sending 47,000 pieces of mail in June.

**Rep. Robert Brown (D-Hollywood); House 116**

- Endorsed by CVSC, given long record of conservation leadership and loud opposition to drilling
- District has been trending poorly in recent elections, signaled by a 3 pt victory of Obama vs Romney.
- CVSC held a "meet the candidate" event for Brown and featured him on CVSC Live.
- CVSC PAC sent 1 mailer 2,000 to conservation-minded swing voters. NOTE under contribution limits.
- Brown won the election by 10 points

**Rep. Peter McCoy (R-Charleston); House 115**

- Endorsed by CVSC, given McCoy's 125% score, his leadership on clean energy issues, and his likely role as next Judiciary Chairman (a key position for clean energy legislation)
- Oct 17 poll showed McCoy with a 6 pt lead, but undecideds (21%) leaning heavy Dem and anti-Trump
- CVSC raised \$5,000 for McCoy through major donors and key partners in the final weeks
- CVSC held a "meet the candidate" event for McCoy and featured him on CVSC Live Facebook show.
- CVSC PAC sent 2 mailers to 1,300 conservation-minded households. NOTE under contribution limits.
- McCoy won the election by 600 votes with 51.5% of the vote, despite a Democratic US House candidate +16 margin in the district.



The most notable wins from the June Primary Election are outlined below:

**Bobby Cox (R-Greenville); House 21**

- CVSC Endorsed Bobby Cox over entrenched incumbent Phyllis Henderson
- Early polling (late April) had Cox with a 15 point deficit. After a month of work by CVSC, followup polling (late May) had Cox with a 4 point lead.
- Henderson repeatedly pointed out CVSC's efforts to defeat her because of her lack of support for pro-solar policies, saying we're spending "piles of cash" and "well over \$100,000."
- CVSC PAC invested over \$52,000 to send 95,000 pieces of mail, knock on over 10,000 doors, and place nearly 400,000 digital ads
- Cox won a decisive victory, winning every precinct in amassing a 63% win

**Nathan Ballentine (R-Chapin); House 71**

- CVSC Endorsed Rep. Nathan Ballentine given his strong leadership on pro-solar policies in 2018 and as lead sponsor of the solar budget proviso that would have extended net metering
- CVSC PAC invested nearly \$10,000 to send 7,000 pieces of mail and knock on over 6,000 doors
- Ballentine won a decisive victory with 70% of the vote, preserving a key pro-solar leader

**Open Seats and Other Election Activities**

In three open seats across the state, CVSC supported pro-conservation Republicans who believe in protecting South Carolina's air, land, and water:

- House Dist 25; Endorsed Rep. Leola Robinson Simpson (D-Greenville) – 2 mail pieces targeting 3,300 households (6,600 pieces); This victory held a pro-solar seat.
- House Dist 32 (open); Endorsed Max Hyde (R-Spartanburg) for the open seat – 3 mail pieces targeting 3,830 households (11,490 pieces); This victory flipped a seat to a pro-solar seat.
- House Dist 43 (open): Endorsed Randy Ligon (R-Chester) for the open seat – 1 mail piece to 3,000 households. This victory flipped a seat to a pro-solar seat.
- House Dist 94 (open); Endorsed Con Chellis (R-Summerville) for the open seat – 1 mail piece to 2,977 households. This victory maintained a pro-solar seat.
- House Dist 89; Endorsed Rep. Micah Caskey (R-West Columbia) – 2 mail pieces to 3,577 households (7,154 pieces); This victory held a pro-solar seat.

**CVSC's Race Outcomes are below:**

District	Candidate	Party	Primary	General	CVSC activities
Governor	James Smith	D	Won	lost	coordinated campaign; raised \$30k via fundraiser
Sen 20	Dick Harpootlian	D		won	
10	West Cox	R		won	contribution
21	Bobby Cox	R	Won	won	95k mailers, 10k doors, 400k digital ads in primary
25	Rep. Leola Robinson-Simpson	D	Won	won	6k mailers in primary
32	Max Hyde	R	Won	won	12k mailers in primary
41	Rep. MaryGail Douglas	D	Lost		Contribution
43	Randy Ligon	R	Won	won	3k mailers in primary
47	Rep. Tommy Pope	R		won	contribution
49	Rep. John King	D		won	Contribution
52	Rep. Laurie Slade Funderburk	D		won	3k mailers in General
62	Rep. Robert Williams	D		won	
67	Rep. Murrell Smith	R		won	contribution
71	Rep. Nathan Ballentine	R	Won	won	7k mailers and 6k doors in primary
75	Rep. Kirkman Finlay	R		won	3k mailers in general
77	Kambrell Garvin	D	Won	won	
84	Rep. Ronnie Young	R		won	Contribution
85	Rep. Chip Huggins	R		won	Contribution
89	Rep. Micah Caskey	R	Won	won	7k mailers in primary
93	Rep. Russell Ott	D		won	3k mailers in general
94	Con Chellis	R	Won	won	2.5k mailers in primary
97	Rep. Patsy Knight	D		Lost	
98	Rep. Chris Murphy	R	Won	won	
101	Rep. Cezar McKnight	D	Won	won	Contribution
102	Rep. Joe Jefferson	D		won	Contribution
109	Rep. David Mack	D		won	Contribution
110	Rep. William Cogswell	R	Runoff-Won	won	47k mailers and 10k doors in Primary/Runoff; 15k mailers and 5k doors in general
112	Rep. Mike Sottile	R	Won	won	500 mailer in general
114	Rep. Lin Bennett	R		won	contribution
115	Rep. Peter McCoy	R		won	2750 mailers in general
116	Rep. Robert Brown	D		won	2k mailer in General
117	Jordan Scott Pace	R	Lost		40k mailers and 300k digital impressions in primary
119	Rep. Leon Stavrinakis	D		won	Contribution
120	Rep. Weston Newton	R		won	3k mailers in general
123	Rep. Jeff Bradley	R		won	